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MEMORANDUM FOR DICK HELMS/BILL HARVEY

From: Brig. Gen. Lansdale

Subject: Defense Support, Operation Mongoose

In compliance with the desires of Secretary McNamara, at the Special Group meeting 13 March, I have tasked General Craig with:

1. Preparing an assessment of the risk involved in air re-supply missions over Cuba.

2. Readying two USAF sanitized aircraft and "sheep-dipped" crew for air re-supply missions, within two weeks, as a temporary measure and under acceptable cover.

3. Assisting CIA with its maritime needs, to include help in obtaining PT-type boats from foreign sources, readying "sheep-dipped" crews and equipment as deemed necessary, and provide operational concepts on disrupting or destroying Cuban capability of maritime coastal patrols.

In order to accomplish these tasks effectively, General Craig must rely on CIA for firm details of CIA requirements. As noted verbally to Mr. Harvey today, this is being handled as a priority matter in Defense, and CIA is expected to define its needs as precisely and in as much detail as possible, in order to permit these Defense support actions to be completed in time to help CIA. It is suggested that General Craig's staff and Mr. Harvey's staff directly concerned with these needs meet at the earliest moment; each staff can be a big help to the other.

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